

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voice~~ speech recognition comprising:

~~voice~~ speech input means for inputting ~~voice~~ speech;

spot information memory means ~~in which~~ for storing information relative to spots is stored;

storage means for storing ~~for storing~~ object words indicative of spots within said spot information memory means;

computing means for acquiring similarities between the ~~voice~~ speech inputted from said ~~voice~~ speech input means and the object words stored in said storage means; and

recognition means for recognizing the ~~voice~~ speech corresponding to one of the object words from the similarities acquired by said computing means[[:]],

wherein when a plurality of object words are recognized by said recognition means, a limiting word for distinguishing between said plurality of object words is sampled from said spot information ~~storage~~ memory means and stored as ~~the~~ an object word corresponding to said limiting word in said storage means, and

wherein the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as ~~voice~~ speech.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voice~~ speech recognition comprising:

~~voice~~ speech input means for inputting ~~voice~~ speech;

spot information memory means ~~in which~~ for storing information relative to spots is stored;

storage means for storing object words indicative of spots within said spot information memory means;

output means for producing a request message urging a user to input said object words;

computing means for acquiring similarities between the ~~voice~~ speech inputted from said ~~voice~~ speech input means and the object words stored in said storage means; and

recognition means for recognizing the ~~voice~~ speech corresponding to one of the object words from the similarities acquired by said computing means[[:]],

wherein when a plurality of object words are recognized by said recognition means, a limiting word for distinguishing between said plurality of object words is sampled from said spot information ~~storage~~ memory means and stored as ~~the~~ an object word corresponding to said limiting word in said storage means,

wherein the limiting word is produced as the request message by said output means, and wherein the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as ~~voice~~ speech.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voice~~ speech recognition according to claim 2, wherein said spot information memory means stores, as information relative to spots, a plurality of facility names and detailed classifying information and rough classifying information to which each facility name belongs which are correlated with each other.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voice~~ speech recognition according to claim 2,

wherein when the plurality of object words are recognized by said recognition means, a limiting word for distinguishing said plurality of object words is sampled from said spot information ~~storage~~ memory means and stored as the object word in said storage means, and

wherein when said plurality of object words are distinguished from one another in terms of rough classifying information, only one at a higher level of the object words corresponding to the limiting word is produced as a request voice by said output means and the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as a ~~voice~~ speech.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voice~~ speech recognition according to claim 1, wherein said recognition means recognizes an object word with similarity within a prescribed range, acquired by said computing means, as the recognized object word.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voice~~ speech recognition according to claim 2, wherein said recognition means recognizes an object word with similarity within a prescribed range, acquired by said computing means, as the recognized object word.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A method of ~~voice~~ speech recognition comprising the steps of:

inputting speech from an external source via a speech input section;

storing information relative to spots in a spot information memory;

~~wherein storing object words representative indicative of spots are stored from within~~  
~~said spot information memory; means storing information relative to the spots [[,]] and~~

~~acquiring similarities between the voice the speech input from the external source~~  
~~inputted externally and the stored object words; stored to recognize the voice corresponding to~~  
~~one of the object words; and~~

~~recognizing the speech corresponding to one of the object words from the acquired~~  
~~similarities;~~

~~wherein when a plurality of object words are recognized, sampling from said spot~~  
~~information memory a limiting word for distinguishing between said plurality of object words; is~~  
~~sampled from said spot information storage means and~~

~~storing said limiting word stored as the an object word corresponding to said limited~~  
~~word; in said storage means and~~

~~recognizing the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as voice~~  
~~speech.~~

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A method of ~~voice~~ speech recognition comprising the  
steps of:

inputting speech from an external source via a speech input section;

storing information relative to spots in a spot information memory;

~~wherein storing object words representative indicative of spots are stored from within~~  
~~said spot information memory; means storing information relative to the spots [[,]]~~

producing a request message urging a user to input said object words;

~~and~~ acquiring similarities between the voice speech input from the external source  
~~inputted externally and the stored object words stored to recognize the voice corresponding to~~  
~~one of the object words;~~

recognizing the speech corresponding to one of the object words from the acquired  
similarities;

~~wherein~~ when a plurality of object words are recognized, sampling from said spot  
information memory a limiting word for distinguishing between said plurality of object words; ~~is~~  
~~sampled from said spot information storage means and~~

storing said limiting word ~~stored as the~~ an object word corresponding to said limited  
word; in said storage means[[,]]

producing the limiting word ~~is produced as the request message; by said output means~~  
and

recognizing the object word corresponding to said limiting word ~~is recognized as voice~~  
speech.